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Upcoming EPA Region 7 Events by Division

* New additions noted with an asterisk

RA:

10/27/15 - Courtesy Visit with Rob Manes and John Cougher, The Nature Conservancy, Regional Office.
Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

10/29/15 – Regional Recognition Ceremony, Regional Office. Contact: Monica Espinosa, 7541

***11/10/15** – Meeting with GSA Region 6 Administrator on Executive Order requirement for EPA/GSA climate change program development through Federal Executive Board, Regional Office. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

11/12/15 – National Association of Farm Broadcasters Convention, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

12/8-9/15 - Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

DRA:

11/17-18/15 - Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington D.C. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

10/14/15 – Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition quarterly board meeting, Strong City, Kan. Contact: Gina Grier, 7078

10/7-9/15 – Air Division Director's meeting, New Orleans, La. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

10/12-14/15 – Iowa Recycling Association Conference, Altoona, Iowa. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

10/12/15 – Kansas Grazing Land Coalition/The Nature Conservancy: Tailgate Presentations on Fall Burning,

Manhattan, Kan. Contact: Gina Grier, 7078

10/13/15 – MARC Air Quality Forum to discuss Clean Power Plan, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Mike Jay, 7460

10/13-16/15 – Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention meeting, Denver, Colo. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

10/19/15 – Air program meeting with the Ponca Tribe, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Gina Grier, 7078

10/20/15 – Central States Air Resources Assoc. (CenSARA) meeting, Lincoln, Neb. Contacts: Mike Jay, 7460

10/20/15 - Energy & Environment Policy Forum, Kansas City, Missouri. Contact: Craig Bernstein, 7688

***10/26/15** – Clean Harbors permit public information session, Kimball, Neb. Contact: Ken Herstowski, 7631

10/28/15 – Nebraska Power Summit to discuss Clean Power Plan, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Mark Smith, 7876

10/29/15 – Iowa Emergency Response Commission meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Pat Reitz, 7674

11/2/15 – Regional Tribal Operations Committee, "Air Matters: Healthy Homes Kit" presentation, Sloan, Iowa (Winnebago Tribe), Gina Grier, 7078

11/3-4/15 - Iowa Energy Summit, Altoona, Iowa. Staffing ENERGY STAR display. Contact: Craig Bernstein 7688

11/4-5/15 – RCRA division directors meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

CNSL

10/23/15 - Iowa Bar Association Annual Meeting, Des Moines, EPA Update (general update on hot issues, legal developments, and priorities). Contact: David Cozad, 7587

10/27/15 – St. Louis Area Safety Council, EPA Update, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: David Cozad, 7587

ECO

11/18- 19/15 – MDNR Integrated Compliance Information System–National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (ICIS-NPDES) HQ Training, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neal Gilbert, 7985

ENST

10/15/15 - Upper Mississippi River Federal Partnership conference call (9 to 10). Partnership intended to coordinate federal actions on UMR. Initially formed to coordinate NEPA actions on UMR. Broader now. Contact: Larry Shepard, 7441.

10/15/15 - CAA 309 conference call (12:00). Contact: Larry Shepard, 7441.

10/22-23/15 – Gary Welker and Larry Shepard will conduct MESB nutrient sampling field work on UMR, MO River and major tributaries. Contact: Larry Shepard, 7441.

10/27/15 - Corps Annual Operating Plan meeting for 2016 AOP in Corps office near Smithville Lake. AOP is yearly plan implementing the Corps Master Control Water Plan for Mo River System (reservoir releases). Contact: Larry Shepard, 7441.

10/20/15 - Corps Mo River Bed Loss Feasibility Study/EIS Stakeholders meeting at MARC (9:00 to 11). Contact: Larry Shepard, 7441.

11/16-20/15 – Quality Assurance Training at Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Diane Harris, 7258

PLMG

10/14-15/15 - Host a training session for the Budget Formulation System (BFS) training. Contact: Wendy Klinker, 7692

10/14/14 – Kick-off meeting for East 39th Street corridor redevelopment project in Kansas City, Mo. Contact: David Doyle, 7667.

10/19-20/15 – LEED Neighborhood Design project by Global Green in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: David Doyle. 7667

RA/OPA

10/6-11/15 – Society of Environmental Journalists 25th Annual Conference, Norman, Okla. Contacts: Ben Washburn, 7364

SUPR

***10/29/15** – National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, a public meeting will be held to announce the award of a HUD Lead Hazard Control grant and to celebrate the transition of the Omaha Lead site from EPA-lead to Local-lead. Key HUD officials participating in the meeting are Michelle Miller, Asst. Deputy Director, Shannon Steinbauer and two local HUD staff. Omaha, Neb. Contact: Steve Kemp, 7194

WWPD

10/14-15/15 – EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention Division Director Meeting, Denver, Colo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/19-20/15 – Missouri Department of Natural Resources Safe Drinking Water Information System Data Program Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Jay Hua, 7748

10/19-23/15 – National Association of State Drinking Water Administrators meeting, Fort Worth, Tex. Contacts: Mary Mindrup, 7431, Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Gabrielle Thompson, 7569

10/21/15 – Renovation Repair and Painting Update Presentation, Painting and Decorating Contractors of America National Webinar, Maryland Heights, Mo. Contact: Tom Brick, 7913

10/23/15 – Speak at Iowa State Bar Association, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/27-29/15 – EPA National Drinking Water Direct Implementation Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev. Contact: Kim Burr, 7069

10/29/15 – Omaha Family Housing Advisory Services National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week Exhibition, Omaha, Neb. Contact: Tom Brick, 7913

11/2-3/15 – Hypoxia Task Force Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

11/4-6/15 – EPA Water Division Directors Meeting, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

11/12/15 – Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Climate Resilience Workshop, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Amy Shields, 7396, Roberta Vogel-Leutung, 7072

11/18-19/15 – Kansas Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas, Manhattan, Kan. Contact: Amy Shields, 7396

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. Jason Smith (Mo.) – 10/6/15 – Email – Questions about EPA's fine to Crystal City for a sewage leak. Due: 10/9/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Inside EPA – Bridget DiCosmo – 8/3/15 – Requesting interview with Acting Regional Administrator Mark Hague on EPA's e-enterprise efforts. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

KETC Channel 9 Public Television, St. Louis – Brenda Madden Kimberlin – 9/23/15 – Questions about Carter Carburetor Superfund Site in St. Louis. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

Victoria Bruce (independent author) – 9/25/15 – Questions about EPA Region 7's 2010 settlement with Upland Wings, Inc., for Clean Water Act violations in Washington County, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

KMOX Radio – Maria Keena – 10/13/15 – Questions about regulations regarding possible regulation of salt and sand products put on roads during inclement weather. Referred her to Missouri DNR. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Environmental Stories:

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Editorial: Help residents near West Lake and Bridgeton landfills breathe easy - 10/10/15 - There aren't many ready solutions, which is the problem with potential environmental

hazards. Buyouts for area residents might be one possibility, although that doesn't solve the problem for the region. The people who live near the Bridgeton and West Lake landfills need to breathe easy for a change. http://www.stltoday.com/news/editorial-help-residents-near-west-lake-and-bridgeton-landfills-breathe/article_44e99f34-a0f3-5fd5-a861-276c7e28ffa9.html

The Atlantic - In St. Louis, Fears Rise as a Landfill Fire Nears a Radioactive Waste Site - 10/9/15 - The recent release of a county emergency plan that lays out a course of action to be taken in "a catastrophic event" has many locals on edge. <http://www.citylab.com/politics/2015/10/in-st-louis-fears-rise-as-a-landfill-fire-nears-a-radioactive-waste-site/409846/>

NBC Sports - Rams facility sits very close to potential environmental disaster - 10/10/15 - The bad news is that there's an underground landfill fire in St. Louis, and it's currently 1,200 feet from a radioactive waste dump. The worse news is that Rams Park sits close to the potential intersection of burning trash and radiation. <http://profootballtalk.nbcsports.com/2015/10/10/rams-facility-sits-very-close-to-potential-environmental-disaster/>

Chicago Tribune - Underground fire outside St. Louis has burned since 2010, nears nuclear waste dump - 10/11/15 - Government officials have quietly adopted an emergency plan in case the smoldering embers ever reach the waste, a potentially "catastrophic event" that could send up a plume of radioactive smoke over a densely populated area near the city's main airport. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/midwest/ct-st-louis-underground-fire-20151010-story.html>

KOLR/KOZL Channels 10/27, Springfield, Mo. - Electric Coops Pleased Missouri Joining Challenge of EPA Regs - 10/13/15 - Missouri will join more than 20 other states in suing the Environmental Protection Agency over its new carbon emission regulations, as soon as those regulations are out. Some conservatives are questioning whether Koster, a Democrat running for governor, has politics in mind in joining the suit. Johnson says he's giving Koster the benefit of the doubt. <http://www.ozarksfirst.com/news/electric-coops-please-missouri-joining-challenge-of-epa-regs>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - School districts prepare for West Lake Landfill emergency - 10/12/15 - Four school districts near the radioactive West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton sent letters to parents Monday explaining their plans for a potential emergency at the site. http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/school-districts-prepare-for-west-lake-landfill-emergency/article_a6effa70-f92b-584c-8a7c-cb59d85a6b38.html

KMOX Radio St. Louis - School Districts Send West Lake Landfill Letters Home - 10/13/15 - Several area school districts are sending letters home to parents, trying to soothe concerns about the underground fire at a north St. Louis County landfill and buried nuclear waste next-door. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2015/10/13/school-districts-send-west-lake-landfill-letters-home/>

KTVI Ch. 2 St. Louis - Disaster plan developed for schools near West Lake Landfill - 10/13/15 - Four school districts near the West Lake Landfill are preparing for the worst. Landfill owners insist there is no danger. <http://fox2now.com/2015/10/13/disaster-plan-developed-for-schools-near-west-lake-landfill/>

YouTube - Pompeo Questions Administrator McCabe on EPA Clean Power Plant Rule - 10/10/15 - Congressman Mike Pompeo, member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, questioned Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Acting Administrator for Air and Radiation Janet McCabe about the Obama administration's proposed Clean Power Plant Rule at an Energy and Power Subcommittee hearing. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNCOeQYRrKw>

Omaha World-Herald (editorial) - Be smart with water rules - 10/11/15 - It costs enough to comply with practical regulations, let alone rules as muddy as the Clean Water Act. The appeals court struck a blow for common sense. http://www.omaha.com/opinion/world-herald-editorial-be-smart-with-water-rules/article_b066fb79-39b0-596e-8a93-8c45f21a5a47.html

Des Moines Register (editorial) - EPA protects our air, water and quality of life - 10/10/15 - Beating up on the EPA, or any massive federal bureaucracy, is a cheap and easy way to score political points and generate donations from the anti-EPA Koch brothers. We need the EPA, and we need to fund the agency so that it can effectively enforce the laws and regulations approved by Congress. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/editorials/2015/10/10/editorial-epa-protects-our-air-water-and-quality-life/73653458/>

Quad City Times - River conference covers lots of issues - 10/11/15 - Registration still is being accepted for the Upper Mississippi River Conference that will be Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 14-16, at the Davenport RiverCenter, with discussion of everything from climate change and citizen power to floodplain issues. http://qctimes.com/news/local/river-conference-covers-lots-of-issues/article_ca02e582-a3ee-5722-a221-939b7799ca54.html

Lincoln (Neb.) Journal-Star – Nebraskans Get to Add Two Cents to Keystone Debate Again – 10/12/15 - TransCanada triggered a 210-day review process Monday, when it applied to have the Nebraska Public Service Commission approve the path along which it wants to build the underground pipeline in this state. http://journalstar.com/news/national/nebraskans-get-to-add-two-cents-to-keystone-debate-again/article_ca0c6c07-880b-546e-b19b-5d096053cb71.html

Kirksville (Mo.) Daily Express - Kirksville to lower fluoride level in its drinking water - 10/12/15 - After more than 50 years of pushing community water fluoridation, the latest research from the government suggest that fluoride levels in the drinking water can be lowered due to increased amounts of fluoride in other products. <http://www.kirkvilledailyexpress.com/article/20151012/NEWS/151019880>

KUTT Radio Beatrice, Neb. - Local NRD Offering Water Testing Kits - 10/12/15 - Domestic water well owners in the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District can get a water quality home testing kit free of charge. The district has been helping well owners in the past years with collecting and sampling water, for testing. <http://www.kwbe.com/news/2015/10/12/kutt-local-news/local-nrd-offering-water-testing-kits/>

University News (UMKC) - EPA Fines UMKC - 10/12/15 - Environmental Studies major Kellie Case does not think UMKC's citations were due to purposeful negligence on the university's part. Before readers imagine rivers of murky pollution haunting campuses, Bill Leutzinger, UMKC's Director of Environmental Health and Safety, clarified what "waste stream" means. <http://info.umkc.edu/unews/epa-fines-umkc/>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch (editorial) - Koster, thinking backward, decides to fight the EPA - 10/12/15 - A generation ago, under a Republican president, Richard Nixon, wiser politicians realized that clean air and water are national assets and had to be protected by a national authority. Mr. Koster is smart enough to know that. That he doesn't care is the real problem. http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/columns/the-platform/editorial-koster-thinking-backward-decides-to-fight-the-epa/article_2cc6181b-e195-57e4-a622-7d6776522ebb.html

Lebanon (Mo.) Daily Record - Koster: Mo. will join fight against EPA rules - 10/12/15 - In a speech at the Missouri Electric Coop's annual meeting in Branson, Koster explained that he supports Missouri's ongoing efforts to produce energy more cleanly and efficiently, but that EPA's plan sets a compliance schedule that is economically risky and robs Missouri of its competitive advantage in low consumer and industrial electrical rates. http://www.lebanondailyrecord.com/news/local/article_51e73178-7129-11e5-aa22-4b5f5b017775.html

Kansas City Business Journal (blog) - Independence power plant becomes costly albatross - 10/12/15 - Independence Power and Light is sitting tight for now with a power plant that is too expensive to upgrade or tear down, The Independence Examiner reports. http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/blog/morning_call/2015/10/independence-power-plant-becomes-costly-albatross.html

Independence (Mo.) Examiner - IPL'S Missouri City plant too costly to use, too costly to tear down - 10/12/15 - Independence Power and Light has burned its last chunk of coal, but the future of its Missouri City plant on the north side of the Missouri River remains unclear. <http://www.examiner.net/article/20151010/NEWS/151019988>

KIOW Radio, Forest City, La. - Ernst Statement on Nationwide Suspension of WOTUS - 10/9/15 - Sen. Joni Ernst statement, "I remain steadfast in my commitment to see this rule scrapped for good and not just on pause. It's time President Obama's EPA take into account the commonsense voice of

hardworking Iowans who know what this rule means for them and their families.”
<http://kiow.com/2015/10/09/ernst-statement-on-nationwide-suspension-of-wotus/>

KOMU Ch. 8 Columbia, Mo. - Koster announces Missouri will sue EPA - 10/9/15 - "The people in the best position to manage Missouri's soil, air, and water resources are those who actually live on Missouri land, breathe Missouri air and drink Missouri water," Koster said. <http://www.komu.com/news/koster-announces-missouri-will-sue-epa/>

KCUR Radio, Kansas City - Environmental Markets Could Sell Midwest Farmers On Conservation - 10/12/15 - Like all business owners, farmers want to get paid for their work. Sometimes, that work creates problems for the environment, so regulators are advancing the idea of creating environmental markets to allow farmers to make money off of their conservation practices. <http://kcur.org/post/environmental-markets-could-sell-midwest-farmers-conservation>

Iowa Farmer Today - Grandson continues family's conservation farming tradition - 10/12/15 - Thirty-five years after starring in a video documenting his transition to no-till farming, the late Deane McCunn would be proud of his grandson. Jason McCunn of rural Red Oak is continuing what his grandpa started by keeping his farm equipment above ground and leaving the soil undisturbed on the family's Montgomery County farm. http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/regional/grandson-continues-family-s-conservation-farming-tradition/article_c6e78bd2-6dd5-11e5-b73b-e7c800310491.html

Missourinet - Electric cooperatives, conservative group please Missouri joining challenge of EPA emissions regulations - 10/12/15 - Missouri will join more than 20 other states in suing the Environmental Protection Agency over its new carbon emission regulations, as soon as those regulations are out. <http://www.missourinet.com/2015/10/12/electric-cooperatives-conservative-group-please-missouri-joining-challenge-of-epa-emissions-regulations/>

Free Beacon - Dem AG Joins Federal Lawsuit Against EPA Regulations - 10/12/15 - Missouri will join a handful of other states that have sued to block the regulation, he announced. The state's utilities, including Ameren Missouri, had urged Koster to join the states — most of them Republican-led — fighting the rules. <http://freebeacon.com/uncategorized/dem-ag-joins-federal-lawsuit-against-epa-regulations/>

PowerLine (blog) - Cleaning Up the Clean Power Plan - 10/11/15 - As John noted on Friday, a federal appeals court has blocked for the time being the EPA's brazen extension of the Clean Water Act. What about its equally brazen extension of the Clean Air Act into a lever for the de facto nationalization of the nation's electric utility industry? <http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2015/10/cleaning-up-the-clean-power-plan.php>

Wall Street Journal (opinion) - The EPA's Water Rule Is Plugged | A federal court enjoins the

agency's 'whirlwind of confusion.' - 10/11/15 - The truth is that the water rule like so many Obama Administration diktats offers marginal benefits at a high cost and is intended to subvert state sovereignty and expand federal dominion over private businesses. <http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-epas-water-rule-is-plugged-1444601505>

Jurist - Sixth Circuit temporarily stays EPA's new Clean Water Rule - 10/11/15 - Petitioners further argued the new bright-line boundaries used to determine which tributaries and waters adjacent to navigable waters have a "significant nexus" to waters protected under the Act are not consistent with the law as defined by the Supreme Court, and were adopted by a process that failed to conform to the rulemaking requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act. <http://jurist.org/paperchase/2015/10/sixth-circuit-court-of-appeals-temporarily-blocks-clean-water-rule-enforcement.php>

Christian Science Monitor - Appeals court puts the brakes on EPA's clean water rule - 10/9/15 - The EPA has said it respects the court's decision and supports more consideration on the rules. Environmental advocates who fought for the new rule argue that the ruling postpones vital protections of waterways that have been long neglected. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2015/1009/Appeals-court-puts-the-brakes-on-EPA-s-clean-water-rule>

Townhall - Democrats Are Starting To Line Up Against Obama's Clean Power Plan - 10/12/15 -

Obama's Clean Power Plan (CPP) is facing some opposition from his own party in Kentucky and Missouri. <http://townhall.com/tipsheet/mattvespa/2015/10/12/democrats-are-starting-to-line-up-against-obamas-clean-power-plan-n2064826>

Fox News - Report: EPA 'running a \$160 million PR machine' - 10/12/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) spent over \$15 million on outside public relations consultants despite employing nearly 200 full-time in house PR workers. <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/10/12/report-epa-running-160-million-pr-machine/>

Personal Liberty (blog) - EPA blows millions on PR initiatives, bonuses and randomness - 10/12/15 - A new report on the Environmental Protection Agency's use of taxpayer money found that the agency is spending millions of dollars on just about everything but the environment. <https://personalliberty.com/epa-blows-millions-on-pr-initiatives-bonuses-and-randomness/>

Washington Times - EPA spends millions on military-style weapons, watchdog group reports - 10/10/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency has spent millions of dollars over the last decade on military-style weapons to arm its 200 "special agents" to fight environmental crime. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/oct/10/epa-spends-millions-on-military-style-weapons-repo/>

American Spectator - Armed EPA Agents? The Truth is Way Out There | The EPA's armed war on alien polluters. - 10/13/15 - Truth is stranger than science fiction in today's Washington, D.C., and the truth is way out there. According to a report released last week by a watchdog group called Open the Books, the EPA has spent millions of dollars recently on guns, ammo, body armor, camouflage equipment, and even night-vision goggles to arm its agents in the war on polluters.
<http://spectator.org/articles/64333/armed-epa-agents-truth-way-out-there>

Washington Free Beacon - Report: EPA 'Running a \$160 Million PR Machine' - 10/12/15 - A new report on EPA spending released by Open the Books, a nonprofit organization dedicated to transparency, found numerous examples of questionable expenditures within the agency. Among them, the EPA spent over \$15.1 million on outside public relations consultants between 2000 and 2014.
<http://freebeacon.com/issues/report-epa-running-a-160-million-pr-machine/>

NewsMax - Obama's 'Clean Power' an Overbloated Jobs Killer - 10/9/15 - Harry Alford is right. The president of the National Black Chamber of Commerce lately has taken heat from liberals for opposing Obama's Clean Power Plan. The Left finds it inappropriate that a black man who represents 2.4 million black-owned businesses would dare criticize Obama's latest bid to foil so-called "global warming."
<http://www.newsmax.com/Murdock/Barack-Obama-Climate-Change-Global-Warming-Money/2015/10/09/id/695442/>

Crop Protection News - Corn growers want EPA, Corps of Engineers to release webinar data - 10/10/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers conducted a closed webinar on Sept. 17 to talk about the final Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule. There were 27 specific questions addressed during the event, and the National Corn Growers Association and 15 agricultural groups want the answers to these questions to be made public.
<http://cropprotectionnews.com/stories/510642018-corn-growers-want-epa-corps-of-engineers-to-release-webinar-data>

Alternet - EPA's Environmental Justice Plan Would Perpetuate Racism, Opponents Say - 10/12/15 - Opponents argue that the Environmental Justice's 2020 proposal is heavy on process and light on tangible steps to address discrimination. <http://r7atwork.r07.epa.gov/intranet/index.html>

MarketWatch - Angie's List Teams with EPA to Raise Awareness of Lead Paint Danger - 10/12/15 - Angie's List is marking National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week by joining EPA's "Look for the Logo" campaign. "Awareness is the key to eradicating lead poisoning," says Angie's List Founder Angie Hicks.
<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/angies-list-teams-with-epa-to-raise-awareness-of-lead-paint-danger-2015-10-12>

Legal Reader - 6th Circuit Issues Major Setback for EPA's Clean Water Rule - 10/13/15 - In a classic territorial battle between state and federal-level authority, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati has temporarily blocked EPA's (EPA) "Clean Water Rule." <http://www.legalreader.com/6th-circuit-issues->

[major-setback-for-epas-clean-water-rule/](#)

Forbes - EPA's Clean Power Plan Needs A Demand Response - 10/13/15 - EPA's Clean Power Plan underscores the importance of efficiency and conservation in achieving the long-term goals of our energy future. But efficiency means different things to different people.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/jamesconca/2015/10/13/epas-clean-power-plan-needs-a-demand-response/>

FedScoop - EPA touts early success of digital services pilots - 10/12/15 - CIO Ann Dunkin and CTO Greg Godbout told FedScoop that EPA's new digital services pilot teams have already made a mark — accelerating a project to replace the agency's paper-based method of tracking the movement of potentially harmful materials with an online portal. <http://fedscoop.com/hazardous-waste-regulator-portals-get-a-boost-from-epa-digital-services>

Bloomberg - EPA's New Volkswagen Probe May Reveal Failure to Disclose - 10/9/15 - EPA is investigating a second emissions-control software program in Volkswagen AG cars that were rigged to pass pollution tests, one that the automaker may have failed to properly disclose. <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-10-09/epa-s-new-volkswagen-probe-may-reveal-failure-to-disclose>

E&E News - Regional groups look to carbon trading for Clean Power Plan - 10/13/15 - Regional coalitions of states that are exploring Clean Power Plan options are focusing heavily on whether carbon trading might help them meet their goals.

http://www.eenews.net/interactive/clean_power_plan/column_posts/UBmk9EbZ

American Thinker - Courts block EPA water rule that would put millions of acres under federal control - 10/10/15 - The federal courts usually give the EPA a lot of leeway to regulate our waterways, but this was apparently a bridge too far. The good news is that even if the court decides they have no jurisdiction to rule on the regulation, the injunction is likely to stay in place until the rule is adjudicated. http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2015/10/courts_block_epa_water_rule_that_would_put_millions_of_acres_under_federal_control

Associated Press - Barrasso questions proposed EPA in-situ uranium standards - 10/9/15 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is overstepping its authority and endangering an industry by proposing extensive new standards to protect groundwater from uranium mining, said a U.S. senator from Wyoming, the top uranium-mining state. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/oct/9/barrasso-questions-proposed-epa-in-situ-uranium-st/>

Utility Dive - EEI took middle road, pushed for 70 ppb ozone standard, report says - 10/9/15 - The Obama administration's decision to set ozone limits at 70 parts per billion (ppb) came after an extensive and successful lobbying campaign from the Edison Electric Institute, according to reporting from

Greenwire. <http://www.utilitydive.com/news/eei-took-middle-road-pushed-for-70-ppb-ozone-standard-report-says/407082/>

Reuters - Enforcing a global climate deal: speak loudly, carry no stick - 10/13/15 - Negotiators have several terms for the way they plan to enforce any deal reached at global climate talks in Paris this December. "Peer pressure" and "cooperation" are a couple. "Race to the top" is the American buzzword. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/enforcing-a-global-climate-deal-speak-loudly-carry-no-stick/article_8de44eb0-57fd-5305-884a-e49e62414790.html

Huffington Post - Sustainability Has Entered the Political Mainstream - 10/12/15 - Despite its low priority on the political agenda, the more we analyzed the interconnected set of problems humanity faced, the more I was convinced that the environment was the central issue of our time. But times have changed. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/steven-cohen/sustainability-has-entere_b_8279580.html

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